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TEXT: 1. AS OF 6 MARCH 1985, SENIOR SALVADORAN MILITARY  
OFFICERS IN THE ESTADO MAYOR BELIEVED THAT PROSPECTS FOR  
COOPERATION BETWEEN SALVADORAN AND HONDURAN MILITARY UNITS  
ON COUNTERINSURGENCY OPERATIONS ALONG THE SALVADORAN/HONDURAN

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FRONTIER IN THE AREA OF CHALATENANGO DEPARTMENT CONTINUE STRONG. DURING THE WEEK OF 9-16 MARCH, UP TO A TWO-BATTALION TASK FORCE OF THE SALVADORAN FOURTH INFANTRY BRIGADE IS PLANNING TO COORDINATE WITH HONDURAN MILITARY UNITS IN A BLOCK AND SEARCH OPERATION. CURRENT PLANS CALL FOR HONDURAN FORCES TO ESTABLISH A BLOCKING POSITION ON THE HONDURAN SIDE OF THE "POCKET AREA" IN CHALATENANGO DEPARTMENT WHILE THE SALVADORAN MILITARY UNITS WILL SWEEP THROUGH THE AREA IN SEARCH OF SALVADORAN INSURGENTS. IF COORDINATION CANNOT BE COMPLETED IN TIME, THE OPERATION WILL BE RESCHEDULED FOR THE WEEK OF 17 MARCH. IN FUTURE OPERATIONS THE HONDURAN AND SALVADORAN FORCES MAY SWITCH ROLES. THE SALVADORANS WOULD FORM THE BLOCKING ELEMENT WHILE THE HONDURANS WOULD BE THE MANEUVER OR SEARCH FORCE.

2. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FOURTH BRIGADE COMMANDER, COLONEL SIGIFREDO ((OCHOA)) PEREZ, MET IN EARLY MARCH WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE HONDURAN ARMY IN CUCUYAGUA, HONDURAS TO COORDINATE DETAILS OF THIS OPERATION.

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